



Local Generosity Key to Community Harvest's Mission!

Thank you to all the local residents who have helped us year after year increase the number of individuals and families we support! We couldn't do it without you.

We know

that as fall arrives, the number of letters in your mailbox begins to increase, and that many are from worthwhile organizations seeking your support.

We know

that times might be tougher than they have been in the past, and that you have many choices when you decide to give back.

We know

that we couldn't meet our mission without you, and that 100% of the support you give stays in the local community.

And we want you to know how grateful we are for your support.

Each year, we rely on the generosity of individuals for approximately 80% of our revenue.

Thank you.



Watch your mailbox for an opportunity to make a contribution to Community Harvest. You will be giving the gift of food, fellowship and financial assistance to your neighbors in need! Thank you in advance for supporting Community Harvest!

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Mission Statement

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From the Board President

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that Fall is at our doorstep and the holidays lay ahead! This is our busiest and most exciting time of year!

At Community Harvest we are gearing up for two of our major activities – Project Pilgrim, our Thanksgiving Day meal, and The Noel Dinner, our Christmas Day celebration. St. Martha's Church continues to generously donate the space to make the meals possible on these two holidays. Our fabulous volunteers do all of the decorating, menu planning, meal preparation, serving and clean up for these special events. We truly are an organization which can exist only through the support of the community.

Later this winter, Harvest Café, offering a four course dinner every third Thursday of the month at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, will celebrate its 10th anniversary! The monthly meal, as with the holiday meals, is free and open to everyone in the community. It is wonderful to see how Harvest Café has developed over the years and how it provides the community with an opportunity to socialize, share a delicious meal, and enjoy making new friends. We thank Holy Cross Lutheran Church for allowing us to use their space!

We thank all of you who have supported us with your financial donations, volunteered your time, or made an in kind donation. It is only through your ongoing assistance that we are able to offer all of our programs to the community without charge. None of this would be possible without your continuing support.

We also want to recognize and thank the businesses in the community that allow us to place collection boxes in their stores. This has been a significant and much appreciated source of income for us. Keep a look out for our containers and thank the stores where you see them!

Sincerely,

Sharon Landry
President, Board of Trustees



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Community Harvest Awards College Scholarships for Outstanding Commitment to Community Service

Community Harvest recently awarded college scholarships to two Kennebunk High School graduates. Kristin MacKenzie and Christopher Spofford, both of Kennebunk, were awarded \$500 each for their dedication to community service throughout their high school careers.

Kristin volunteered for many organizations throughout her four years in high school, most notably at Harvest Cafe, Community Harvest's monthly complimentary meal for community members.

Kristin is attending the University of Maine at Farmington this fall.

Chris accumulated the most volunteer hours of any student in the graduating class of 2010 with 6,242 hours of community service. He



Kristin MacKenzie

served as a junior firefighter in Kennebunk, while also volunteering for the Brick Store Museum and making three trips to the Gulf Coast region to aid in disaster relief efforts



Christopher Spofford

following Hurricane Katrina.

Chris is attending Norwich University this fall.

Congratulations to Kristin and Chris – we wish you the best!

Harvest Café Says Goodbye to Longtime Friend

- Notes from Eva Barnfather

Harvest Café said a sad goodbye to a longtime guest, as **Betty Lyman** recently passed away. Betty was a faithful visitor to Harvest Café, always interested in what we were doing. Flowers were put on the table where she and **Mary Palmer** sat each month. Mary also donated \$25.00 to Harvest Café in Betty's memory. We will all miss her so very much.

Two other regular visitors, **Bob and Win Foisey**, who raise blueberries, donated 18 pounds of the delicious fruit so that we were able to bake and serve homemade Maine blueberry pie to all our guests. **Irene Cyr**, our pastry lady, made 16 crusts that were stuffed, baked and served. Thank you Bob and Win!

Two of the young people who wait tables have been voted by the Community Harvest Board of Directors as student liaisons. **Eliza Hughes** has been with me from the beginning of Harvest Café, and her mother **Patty Hughes** works in the kitchen at night plating meals for our guests. Eliza has just returned from a year in Finland as a Rotary Exchange Student, and we welcome her home. **Corey Kruszenski** has been with us for two years. He always brings other young people to help us, and he is admired by all. Community Harvest Board of Directors is happy to have two such fine young people on the Board!

'Notes from Eva Barnfather' is a regular newsletter column devoted to highlighting a few Community Harvest volunteers each quarter.

Don't Miss Upcoming Community Harvest Events!



Project Pilgrim

Thursday, November 25, 2010 12:00 - 1:30 pm
St. Martha's Church, Kennebunk



The Noel Dinner

Saturday, December 25, 2010 2:00 pm
St. Martha's Church, Kennebunk



Harvest Cafe

3rd Thursday of the Month 5:30 pm
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kennebunk

Board Appoints 2 Student Liaisons

Community Harvest looks for youth perspective, volunteer recruitment in exchange for leadership opportunity



Eliza Hughes



Corey Kruszenski

Community Harvest recently elected **Eliza Hughes** and **Corey Kruszenski** as Student Liaisons to the Board of Directors for one-year terms. Eliza is a senior and Corey is a sophomore. Both attend Kennebunk High School.

Each year the Community Harvest Board of Directors elects one or more student liaisons who demonstrate a commitment to voluntarism, an ability to promote Community Harvest volunteer

opportunities to their high school peers and an interest in serving on a nonprofit Board.

Both Eliza and Corey volunteered for Community Harvest prior to their election, most notably at the organization's Harvest Café, a monthly complimentary dinner held on the third Thursday of the month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kennebunk. Congratulations and thank you, Eliza and Corey!

Join the Community for the 12th Annual Project Pilgrim!

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, to celebrate the **12th Annual Project Pilgrim!** This annual complimentary holiday dinner will be served at St. Martha's Church in Kennebunk from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm and all are invited! Come join friends and neighbors in a great meal and wonderful fellowship.

For the first time in Project Pilgrim's history, **Chef John Hughes** is unable to take part in this annual tradition he started in

1999. We are grateful to John for his dedication and commitment to Project Pilgrim and Community Harvest over the past decade and wish him well on his new adventures!

This year, the delicious Thanksgiving dinner will be prepared by **Chef Mario Barros**, our long-time assistant head chef. We are thrilled that Mario will be joining us again with his fantastic team of cooks and prep volunteers!

Volunteers are needed! If

you are interested in volunteering at Project Pilgrim, please call Erin Smith at (207) 590-1752. Volunteers are needed to help pick up donated items the day before the event, set up, greet guests, serve meals, deliver meals, transport guests, clean up...and so much more!

Project Pilgrim is open to anyone and everyone! **If you'd like to make a reservation**, please call (207) 967-1911 and leave a message with your name,

contact phone number, and the number of people that will be joining you. Please indicate if you will need a ride to and from the dinner. **If you would like to request a meal delivery** for Thanksgiving Day, please call (207) 967-1911 and leave a message with your name, address, and the number of meals you are requesting. We look forward to seeing you on November 25th! For more information about the event, please visit us at communityharvestonline.org